June 11, 2017 *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* Pastor Paul S. Brown Eph. 2:1-10

## "Monergism - Part Three"

- I. Greeting 1:1-2
- II. God's Eternal Plan for the Church Explained -1:3-3:21
  - A. Doxology 1:3-14 [a Run-on of Praise]
  - B. Paul's First Prayer 1:15-23 [a Run-on of Prayer]
  - C. Personal Application of God's Eternal Plan 2:1-10
    - 1. What we were (1-3) Dead; Drifting; Destined for wrath
    - 2. Who God is (4) BEING: Rich in mercy; Great love
    - 3. What God did (5-6) Made us alive; Raised us up; Seated us with Christ
    - 4. Why God did it (7) "so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

5. How God did it (8-9) – "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

6. What we are (10) – "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

So what?

## **Discussion & Application:**

- 1. According to verse 7, why did God save us? Is it all about us or is there a greater reason? When are "the ages to come"? What does God want as the focal point in eternity? What is grace? What is kindness? Do we deserve this kind of treatment? If that is what eternity is going to be about, what should we be doing now?
- 2. Paul starts verse 8 and verse 10 with the word "**for**." These verses are the support for what Paul has just said about God's monergistic redemption of man. How do verses 8-9 show that our redemption was all of God? What does the word "**that**" refer to in verse 8? Does it just refer to "faith" or does it refer to more than that?
- 3. How does verse 10 support Paul's statement in verse 9 that our salvation was not accomplished by works? What role do good works play in the life of a believer?
- 4. Note the contrast between verses 1-3 and verse 10. Both verses address our "being." Who ARE we now that we are in Christ Jesus? How does who we ARE impact what we DO?
- 5. What are some appropriate responses from us for all that God has done in saving us? Be specific in the following areas:
  - a. Praise & Worship
  - b. Boasting
  - c. Time
  - d. Good works
  - e. Service in the Body of Christ
  - f. Finances
  - g. Witnessing
  - h. Prayer
- 6. How many of your neighbors need to be delivered from being walking dead people destined for God's wrath? List 5 of them by name and pray for them daily. Then take the opportunity God gives you to talk to them about Jesus and His amazing grace.